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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a laundry dryer having a rotatable drum with a filling opening and a door for closing the filling opening, a drying rack comprising:

an air-permeable self-supporting outer enclosure disposed in a stationary manner inside the drum ~~on which~~ for disposing items to be dried ~~are disposed~~ in a stationary manner within the drum, said outer enclosure being in the form of a ~~closed~~ grille having a continuous surface in a circumferential direction of the drum; and

fastening devices for removably fastening said outer enclosure to the laundry dryer.

Claim 2 (original): The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said outer enclosure has an end side with an access opening closed by the door when said outer enclosure is inserted into the drum.

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Claim 3 (original): The drying rack according to claim 2, wherein said outer enclosure has a rear side and a grille termination on said rear side.

Claim 4 (original): The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said outer enclosure is a wire grille.

Claim 5 (original): The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said outer enclosure has a wire grille.

Claim 6 (original): The drying rack according to claim 1, further comprising an inner rack disposed in said outer enclosure.

Claim 7 (original): The drying rack according to claim 6, wherein said inner rack has at least two air-permeable planes disposed substantially parallel to one another.

Claim 8 (original): The drying rack according to claim 7, further comprising connecting elements, said planes having corners, being connected to one another at said corners, and being kept at a distance apart from one another by said connecting elements.

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Claim 9 (original): The drying rack according to claim 7, wherein said planes are fine-meshed and flexible plastic grilles each with an enclosing plastic frame.

Claim 10 (original): The drying rack according to claim 1, wherein said outer enclosure has at least two parts connected to one another in an articulated manner.

Claim 11 (original): The drying rack according to claim 10, further comprising an inner rack disposed in said outer enclosure, said at least two parts fully enclosing said inner rack in an operational state.

Claim 12 (original): The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said inner rack is connected in an articulated manner to one of said at least two parts of said outer enclosure.

Claim 13 (original): The drying rack according to claim 7, wherein said outer enclosure has at least two parts pivotably connected to one another.

Claim 14 (original): The drying rack according to claim 13, wherein:

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said at least two parts enclose said inner rack in an operational state; and

said inner rack is pivotably connected to one of said at least two parts of said outer enclosure.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A drying rack, comprising:

an air-permeable self-supporting outer enclosure disposed in a stationary manner inside the drum on which for disposing items to be dried are disposed in a stationary manner within a laundry drum of a laundry dryer, said outer enclosure being in the form of a closed grille having a continuous surface in a circumferential direction of the drum; and

fastening devices for removably fastening said outer enclosure to the laundry dryer.

Claim 16 (original): A drying rack, comprising:

an air-permeable self-supporting outer enclosure on which items to be dried are disposed in a stationary manner within a laundry drum of a laundry dryer, said outer enclosure being in the form of a closed grille in a circumferential direction of the drum;

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an inner rack disposed in said outer enclosure and having at least two air-permeable planes disposed substantially parallel to one another; and

fastening devices for removably fastening said outer enclosure to the laundry dryer.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A laundry dryer, comprising:

a rotatable drum having a front bearing plate with a filling opening;

a door for closing said filling opening;

dryer fastening devices; and

a drying rack having:

an air-permeable self-supporting outer enclosure disposed in a stationary manner inside the drum ~~on which~~ for disposing items to be dried ~~are disposed~~ in a stationary manner within the drum, said outer enclosure being in the form of a ~~closed~~ grille having a continuous surface in a circumferential direction of the drum; and

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rack fastening devices corresponding with said dryer
fastening devices and removably fastening said outer
enclosure to said dryer fastening devices.